

Serial No. 09/883,913

Docket No.: 1614.1173

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi OKI

Serial No. 09/883,913

Group Art Unit: 3688

Confirmation No. 5633

Filed: June 20, 2001

Examiner: Jean Janvier

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A PAYBACK TO A USER AND  
DISTRIBUTOR BASED ON PRODUCT USE (As Amended)

**COMMUNICATION TO EXAMINER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

The application is allowed. The issue fee has not been paid. A Request for Continued Examiner (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with an Information Disclosure Statement on November 4, 2009.

The Office Communication of October 16, 2009 indicated references JP 10-51573 and JP 9-319573 submitted with the IDS of August 4, 2009 were not considered. Accordingly an IDS is filed submitting for JP 10-51573, JPO-prepared machine translation of relevant portions (paragraph 109-198 related to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> embodiments) and the English translations of FIGS. 2 and FIGS. 11-21; and submitting for JP 9-319573, JP-prepared machine translation of the relevant portions (paragraphs 22 to 25 related to FIGS. 2 and 3 and the English translations of FIGS. 2 and 3.

In addition English Abstracts of JP 10-51573 and JP 9-319573 are submitted.

Accordingly, the IDS of August 4, 2009 (which cited the Japanese Office Action of July 21, 2009 with an English translation and cited JP 10-51573 and JP 9-319573) and the IDS of November 4, 2009 comply with 37 CFR 1.98.

Entry, consideration and acknowledgement of the IDS of November 4, 2009 is requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this IDS, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,  
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